## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-22, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-32 are pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of all of the claims.

The Examiner objected to the November 6, 2008 under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) as introducing new matter. The Examiner asserts that "Figure 7a is not supported by the original specification...[because] Applicant does not have support for the linear actuator in the position shown in new Figure 7a." Applicant has amended the specification to remove reference to Figure 7a and hereby cancels Figure 7a. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the application be promptly passed to issue.

The Office Action contains numerous statements reflecting characterizations about the invention(s), the claims, and the related art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Regardless of whether any such statement or characterization is discussed above, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

Applicant has enclosed a request for a three-month extension of time. Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due, but as a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to deposit account number 50-4244.

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